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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Gulf Bureau

FROM :
Chief, Monitoring Operations Division

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SUBJECT : Gulf Bureau Emergency Coverage Plan Update

REFERENCES : A. MHQ-5023 -- Request for Emergency Coverage Plans
B. Gulf Bureau Emergency Plan, 8 April 1985
C. FBIS/Gulf 10021 (28 Jan 86) -- Gulf Bureau
Emergency Coverage Plan Update

1. Attached is the scheduled update to Gulf Bureau's emergency coverage plan. Aside from format and editing changes, this update conforms to the April 1985 plan as amended in ref C.

2. This update will remain in effect for the next 6 months. Bureau should wirefile to MOD any substantial changes during this period. Longer term plans dealing with non-emergencies may differ to some extent from this plan, which envisages quick response to unforeseen outages. It is recognized that this plan will be most useful for short and medium-term bureau outages.

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Attachment:
GF Emergency Coverage Plan

cc: Ch/TA, Ch/JN, Ch/LD, Ch/BK, Ch/NC, Ch/WSS, MOD Files (PLAN 10-1), Registry

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GULF BUREAU EMERGENCY PLAN

In event of interruption of Gulf Bureau operations and subject to changes depending on the situation at the time:

1. NICOSIA Bureau would take (Class A coverage underlined):

- A. 1) Persian:
- a. Clandestine Radio Iran;
 - b. Clandestine Free Voice of Iran;
 - c. Moscow 1400 Sat-Sun (TA takes over later casts);
 - d. Assist LD with Tehran DS coverage to extent staffing allows, and (along with SA, TA) possibly feed casts to LD;
 - e. Baku International.
- 2) Arabic: Tehran IRNA (LD covers IRNA English).
- 3) Armenian: Yerevan radio (subject to summer reception problems).
- 4) Russian: Tehran International (reception uncertain).

B. Personnel shift of two Arabic/Armenian monitors, one Persian monitor.

C. Equipment needed: None.

2. JORDAN Bureau would take (Class A coverage underlined):

- A. 1) Arabic:
- a. Aden DS, Sanaa DS, and Muscat DS as reception permits (reception varies);
 - b. Aden ANA (reception uncertain);
 - c. Manama WAKH;
 - d. Riyadh TV (reception poor most of day due to Damascus TV signal);
 - e. Doha DS;
 - f. Tehran International;
 - g. Voice of Palestine;
 - h. Clandestine Voice of Iraqi Islamic Revolution.
- 2) English:
- a. Manama WAKH;
 - b. Aden ANA (reception uncertain).

B. Personnel shift of six Arabic monitors, deputy chief, one editor, staff technician, and boardman/driver. Two teletypists would be needed on TDY.

C. Equipment needed: Some commo equipment.

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3. LONDON/PMU/BBC would take (Class A coverage underlined):

A. 1) Persian:

- a. Tehran DS morning programs (try Islamabad, TA, or NC feeds; NC to backstop);
- b. Clandestine Voice of Islamic Revolution of Afghanistan (in Dari);
- c. Dushanbe International;
- d. Tashkent International;
- e. Mashhad International Dari -- b. through e. would require feeds via Islamabad line, as line capacity and Islamabad staffing permit.

2) Arabic:

- a. Riyadh DS;
- b. Riyadh SPA;
- c. TV via satellite from Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, or UAE, as situation warrants and equipment availability permits.

3) Russian:

- a. Soviet regionals via Islamabad line -- most Sat-Sun;
- b. Tehran Russian (via Islamabad line).

4) Other (all via Islamabad phone feeds):

- a. Baku in Azeri;
- b. Ashkabad in Turkmen;
- c. Tashkent in Uighur/Uzbek .

PMU:

- 1) Tehran Persian newspapers;
- 2) Muscat 'UMAN in Arabic;
- 3) Other Gulf and Saudi Arabic and English newspapers as available (with assistance from NC, NEAAD to be arranged).

B. Personnel shift of two Arabic/Russian monitors, one Turkish/Uighur/Azeri/Uzbek/Turkmen monitor, three Persian monitors, one editor.

C. Equipment needed: None.

4. TEL AVIV Bureau would take (Class A coverage underlined):

A. 1) Persian:

- a. Moscow 1600-1800 (relieving NC and GF);
- b. Possibly share feed of Tehran DS to London with NC, SA; record Baku and Baghdad Azeri for feed to LD.

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B. Personnel shift of one Persian monitor
TA could provide one editor, one teletypist to NC or LD to assist with added workload (but not to JN).

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C. Equipment needed: None.

5. BANGKOK Bureau would take (Class A coverage underlined):

- A. 1) Pakistani English and Urdu papers;
2) Kabul English to South Asia.

B. Personnel shift: Possibly one Farsi/Urdu monitor.

6. LOSSES would include (Class A coverage underlined):

- 1) Baghdad DS 1130 (JN covers other Baghdad casts);
- 2) Some Aden DS, and Sanaa DS casts due to poor reception;
- 3) All Iranian regionals that are not audible at Islamabad;
- 4) Tehran radio relays of Majlis sessions;
- 5) Capability to provide open-watch backstop for BBC without affecting Islamabad line coverage;
- 6) Clandestine Voice of al-Ahvaz Revolution;
- 7) Tehran TV;
- 8) Baghdad Azeri;
- 9) All Jeddah casts;
- 10) Possibly Tehran Russian, depending on NC reception.

7. ALTERNATIVES AND UNCERTAINTIES: Bureau chief and possibly admin assistant would go to London or Nicosia, to be determined. In event of partial evacuation the bureau chief, deputy, staff technician, two Persian monitors, and two Arabic monitors would stay behind. Presumably some teletype help would remain.

8. Vulnerability of COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRIC POWER:

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There is a generator within bureau building; Embassy has separate generator.

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